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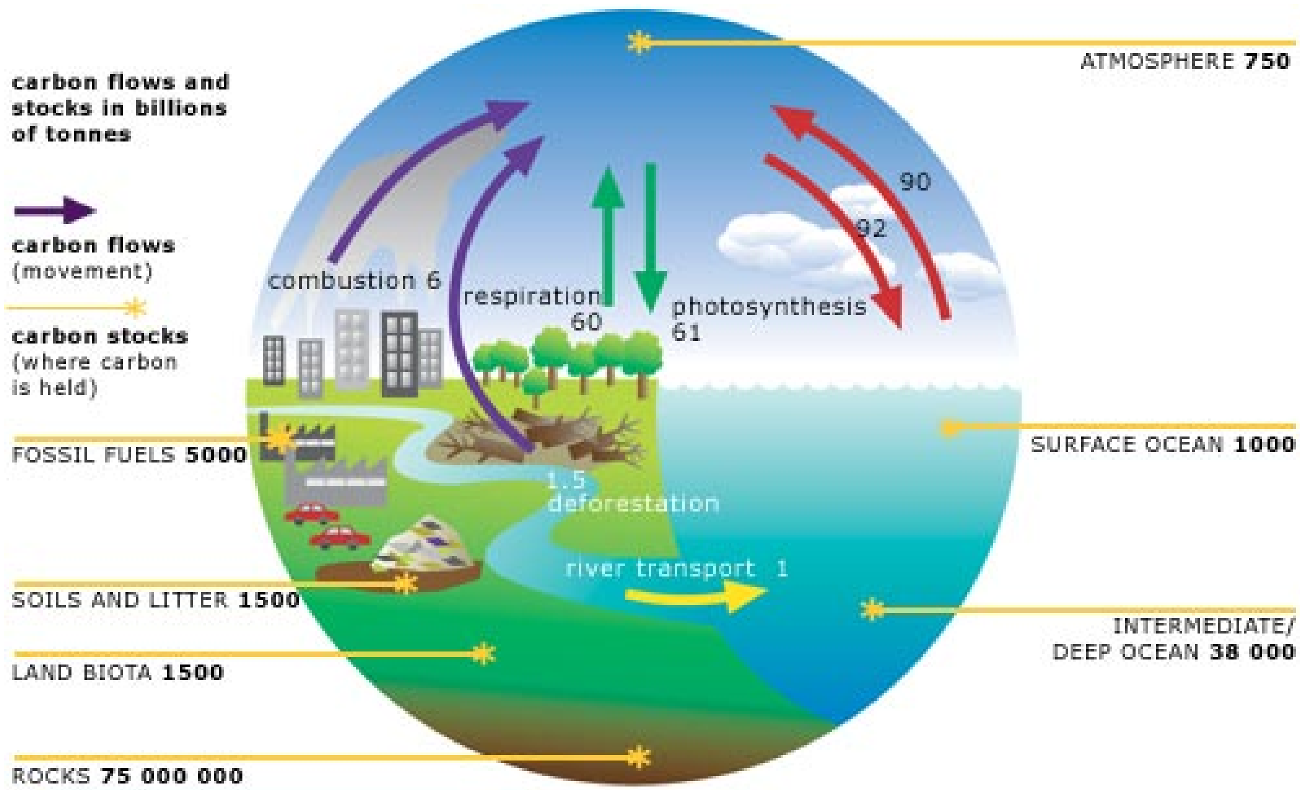
Gas Transfer



Flux Parameterization Issues (Fairall el al. 2005)

- Representation in GCM
  - Most observations are point time averages
  - Concept of gustiness sufficient?
  - Mesoscale variable? Precip, convective mass flux, …
- Strong winds
  - General question of turbulent fluxes, flow separation, wave momentum input
  - Sea spray influence
- Waves
  - Stress vector vs wind vector (2-D wave spectrum)
  - z_o vs wave age & wave height
- Breaking waves
  - Gas and particle fluxes
  - Distribution of stress and TKE in ocean mixed layer
- Gas fluxes
  - Bubbles
  - Surfactants (physical vs chemical effects)
  - Extend models to chemical reactions

Gas Deposition Velocity

$$v_d = \langle w'c' \rangle/(c-c_s) = (r_a + r_b)^{-1}$$

Two parameters: r_a ~ aerodynamic resistance

r_b ~ surface resistance

$$\frac{1}{r_a} = C_D \bar{u}$$

Surface Resistance

The surface resistance r_b depends on

- Roughness length: z_0
- Roughness Reynolds number: $Re = u^* z_0 / v$
- Schmidt number: $Sc = v / D_i$
- v is the molecular viscosity, D_i is the diffusion coefficient

Examples

$$r_b = \int_{z_0}^{z_s} (D_i + K)^{-1}\, dz = \frac{\left(u_{z_0} + B_i^{-1}\right)}{u_*}$$

Kramm & Dlugi (1994)

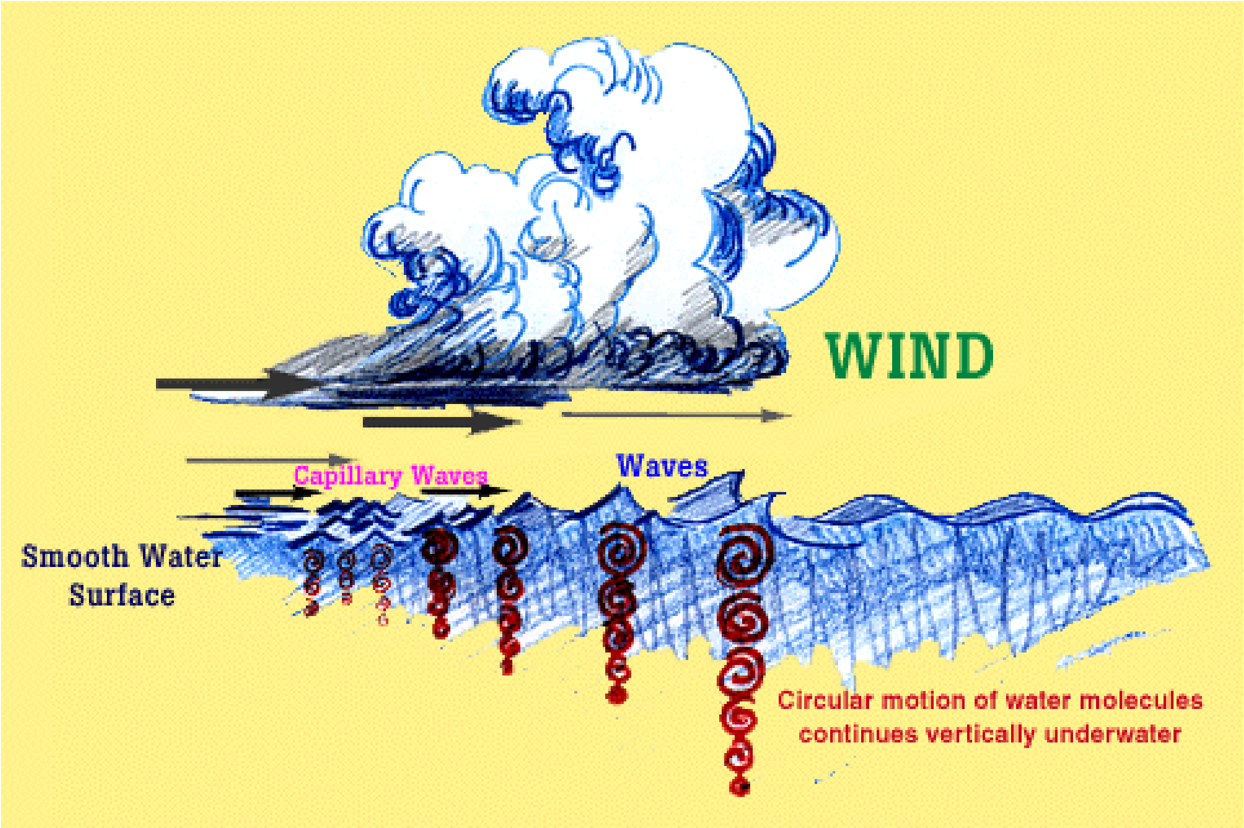
$$r_b = \frac{1}{k u_*} \ln \frac{z_0}{z_{0c}}$$

Asman (1994)

$$z_c = 30\,(\nu/u_*)\,\exp\left(-13.6\, k\, S_c^{2/3}\right) \quad ; \text{for } R_* < 0.13$$

$$z_c = 20\, z_o \exp\left(-7.3\, k\, R_*^{1/4}\, S_c^{1/2}\right) \quad ; \text{for } R_* > 0.13$$

Waves


WIND
Capillary Waves
Waves
Smooth Water
Surface
Circular motion of water molecules
continues vertically underwater

Wave Effects

- Waves $\rightarrow$ z_0 $\rightarrow$ $C_D \rightarrow r_a$
- Waves $\rightarrow$ z_0 $\rightarrow$ (Re, Sc) $\rightarrow r_b$
- WaveWatch-3 for the South China Sea as an example

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Nondimensional Roughness Length

$$z_0^* \equiv g z_0 / u_*^2 = f(c_p / u_*)$$

Cp = phase speed at peek frequency

Without Wave Effects
Charnock (1955)

$z_0^* = \beta_*$

$\beta_* = 0.0185$ (Wu 1980)

0.035 (Kitaigorodskii and Volkov 1965)

0.0144 (Garratt 1977)

0.0192 (Geernaert et al. 1986)

With Wave Effect (1)

Kitaigorodskii (1968)

$$z_0^2 = A^2 \int_0^\infty F(k) \exp\left(-\frac{2\kappa c}{u_*}\right) dk$$

$$c = c(k)$$

Kitaigorodskii with
$F(\omega) = \beta g^2 \omega^{-5}$
$\beta = 0.012$

$$z_0^* = 0.012\Phi(x_0)$$

$$\Phi(x_0) \equiv \left[1 - e^{-x_0}\left(1 + x_0 + \frac{x_0^2}{2} + \frac{x_0^3}{6}\right)\right]^{1/2}$$

$$x_0 \equiv 2\kappa c_p u_*$$

Kitaigorodskii with
$F(\omega) = \alpha_s g u_* \omega^{-4}$
$\alpha_s = 0.062$

$$z_0^* = 0.014\Phi(x_0)$$

$$\Phi(x_0) \equiv \left[1 - e^{-x_0}\left(1 + x_0 + \frac{x_0^2}{2} + \frac{x_0^3}{6}\right)\right]^{1/2}$$

$$x_0 \equiv 2\kappa c_p u_*$$

Kitaigorodskii
(1970)

$$z_0^* = 0.068\left(\frac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{-3/2} \exp\left(-\kappa \frac{c_p}{u_*}\right)$$

With Wave Effect (2)

Hsu (1974)

$$z_0^* = 0.144\left(\frac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{1/2}$$

Toba and Koga (1986)

$$z_0^* = \Omega\left(\frac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{-1}$$

$\Omega = 0.025$ (Toba and Koga 1986)
0.015 (Toba et al. 1990)

Huang et al. (1986)

$$z_0^* = 0.085\left(\frac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{1/2}\Phi(x_0)$$

$$\Phi(x_0) \equiv \left[1 - \mathrm{e}^{-x_0}\left(1 + x_0 + \frac{x_0^2}{2} + \frac{x_0^3}{6}\right)\right]^{1/2}$$

$$x_0 \equiv 2\kappa c_p/u_*.$$

Geernaert, Larsen and Hansen (1987)

$$z_0^* \equiv \frac{10g}{u_*^2}\exp\left(-3.65\left(\frac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{1/3}\right)$$

$$C_D = 0.012\left(\frac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{2/3}$$

With Wave Effect

Masuda and Kusaba (1987)	$z_0^* = 0.0129\left(\dfrac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{1.10}$
Donelan (1990) Field	$z_0^* = 0.42\left(\dfrac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{1.03}$
Donelan (1990) Lab	$z_0^* = 0.047\left(\dfrac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{0.68}$
Toba et al. (1990) [TIKEJ]	$z_0^* = 0.020\left(\dfrac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{1/2}$
Mast, Kraan and Oost (1991)	$z_0^* = 0.8\left(\dfrac{u_*}{c_p}\right)$
Nordeng (1991)	$z_0^* = 0.11\left(\dfrac{u_*}{c_p}\right)^{3/4}\Phi(x_0)$ $\Phi(x_0) \equiv \left[1 - \mathrm{e}^{-x_0}\left(1 + x_0 + \dfrac{x_0^2}{2} + \dfrac{x_0^3}{6}\right)\right]^{1/2}$ $x_0 \equiv 2\kappa c_p / u_*$
Smith et al. (1992)	$z_0^* = 0.48\left(\dfrac{u_*}{c_p}\right)$

NOAA WaveWatch-III
Third Generation Wave Model
(Tolman 1999)

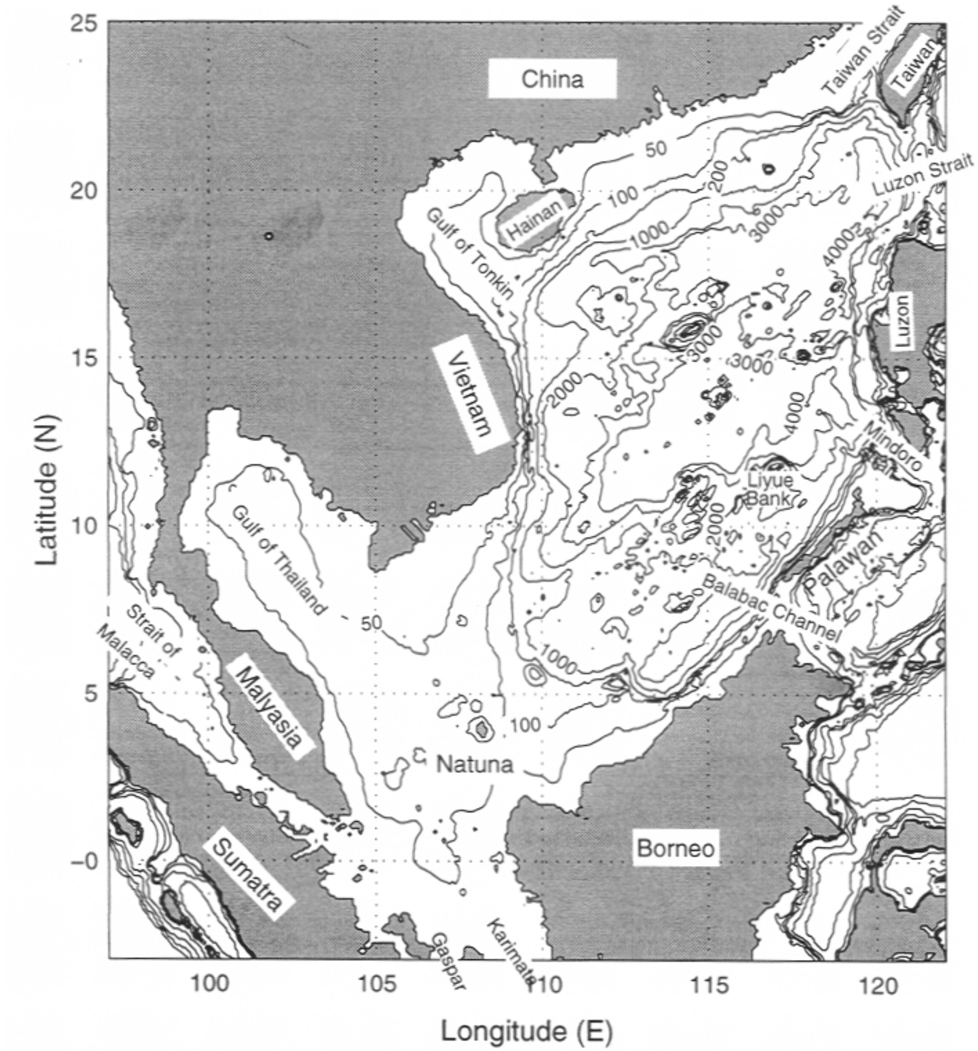
$$\frac{\partial N}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{\cos\phi}\frac{\partial}{\partial\phi}\dot{\phi}N\cos\theta + \frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda}\dot{\lambda}N + \frac{\partial}{\partial k}\dot{k}N + \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\dot{\theta}_g N = \frac{S}{\sigma}$$

$$S = S_{in} + S_{nl} + S_{ds} + S_{bot}$$

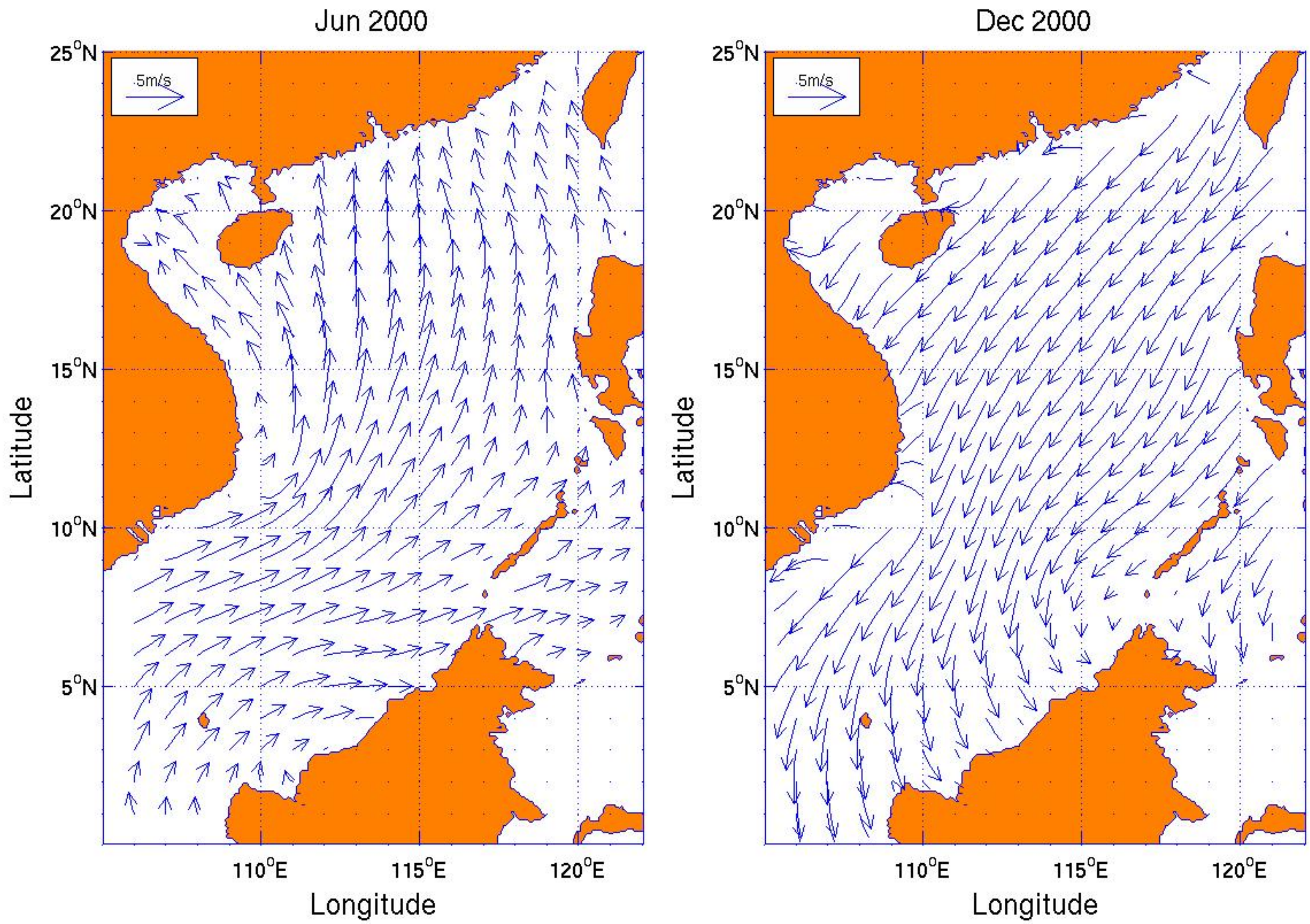
$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{c_g\cos\theta + U_\phi}{R} \qquad \dot{\lambda} = \frac{c_g\sin\theta + U_\phi}{R\cos\phi}$$

$$\dot{\theta}_g = \dot{\theta} - \frac{c_g\tan\phi\cos\theta}{R}$$

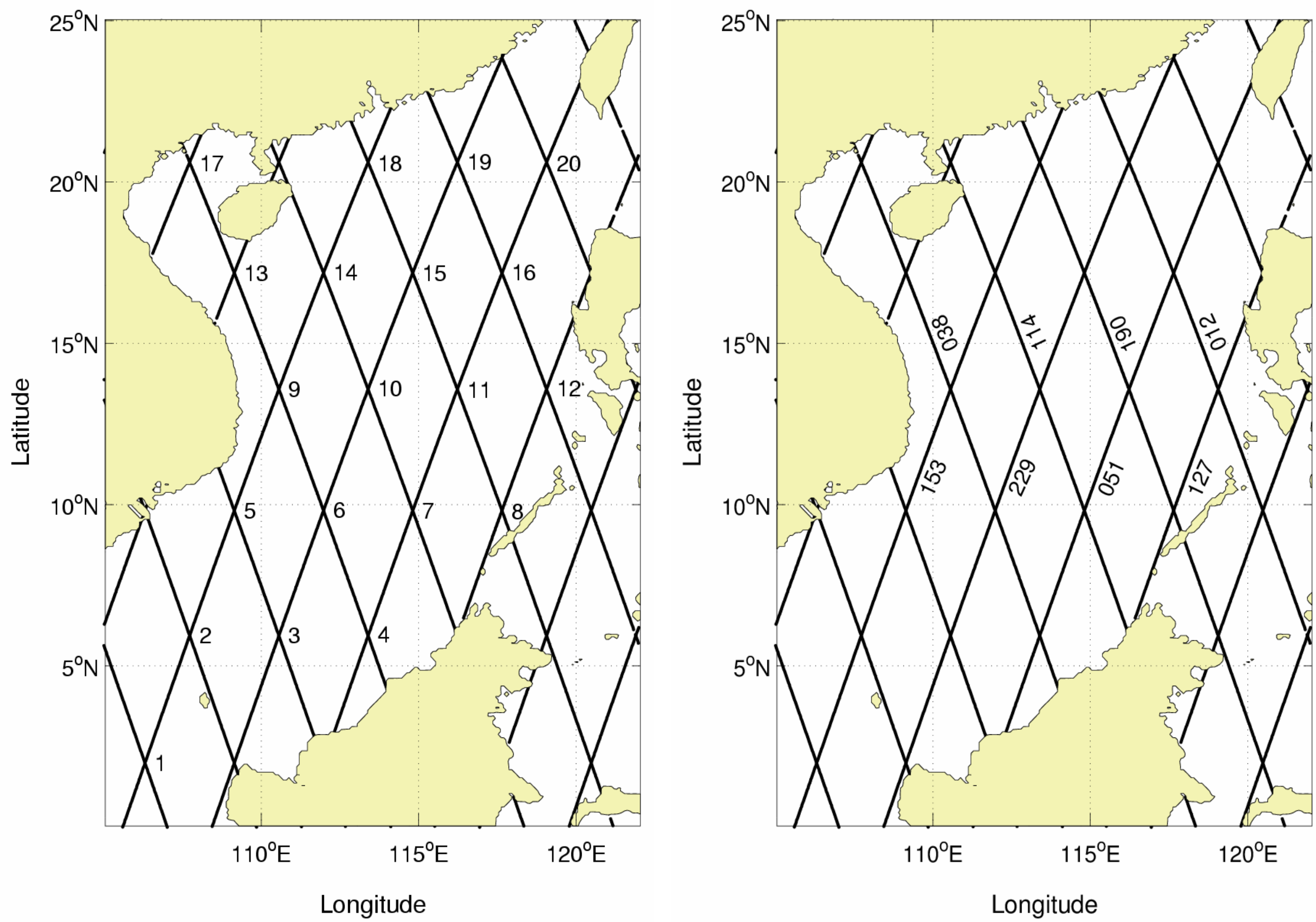
South China Sea



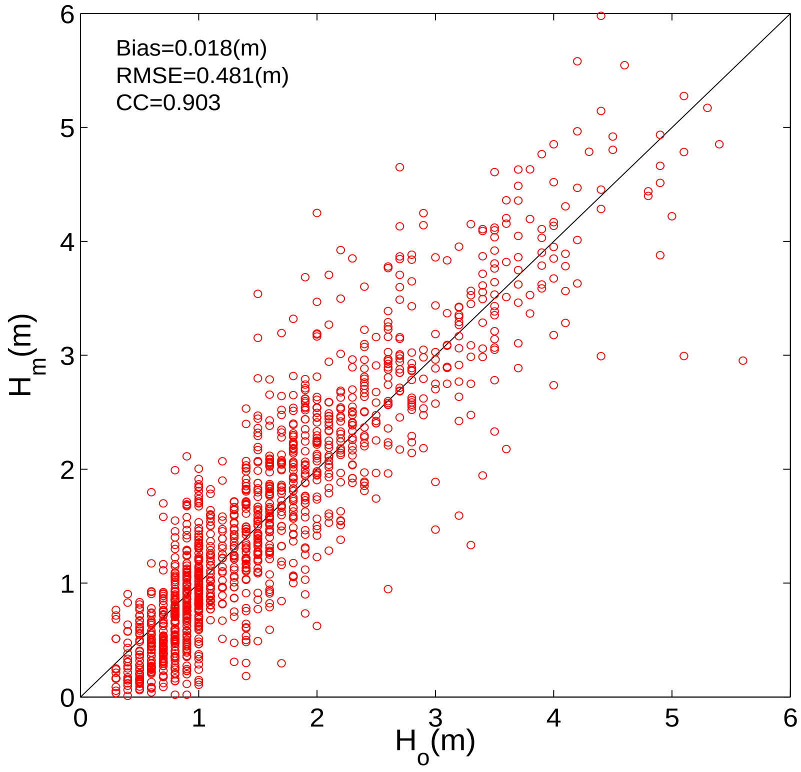
Monsoon Winds (from QuikScat Data)



T/P (a) crossover points and (b) tracks in the SCS.

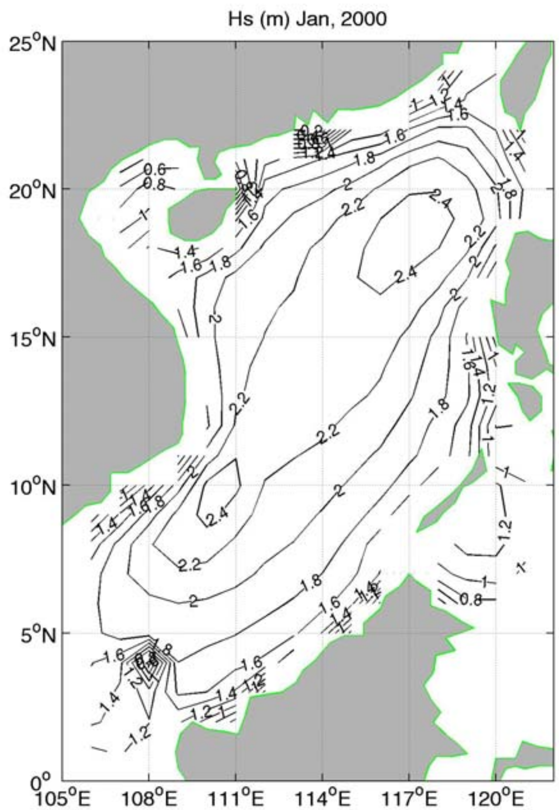


STATISTICAL EVALUATION OF WAVEWATCH-3

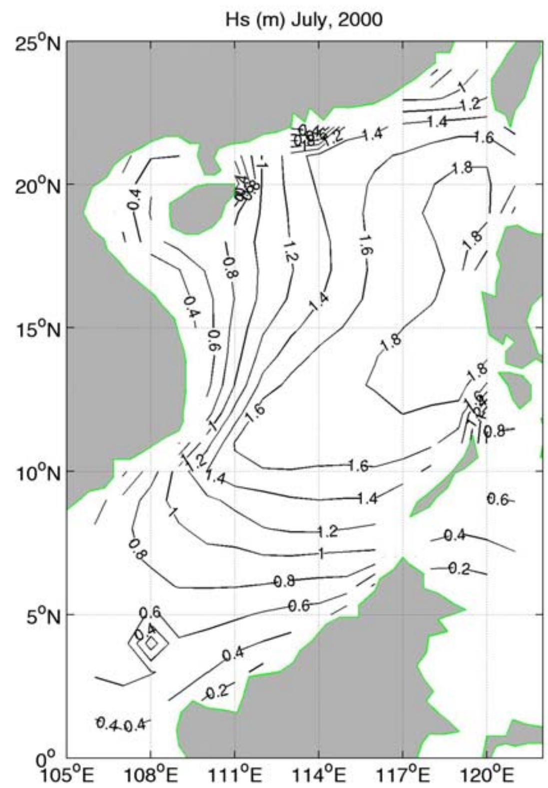


Significant Wave Height (2000)

January

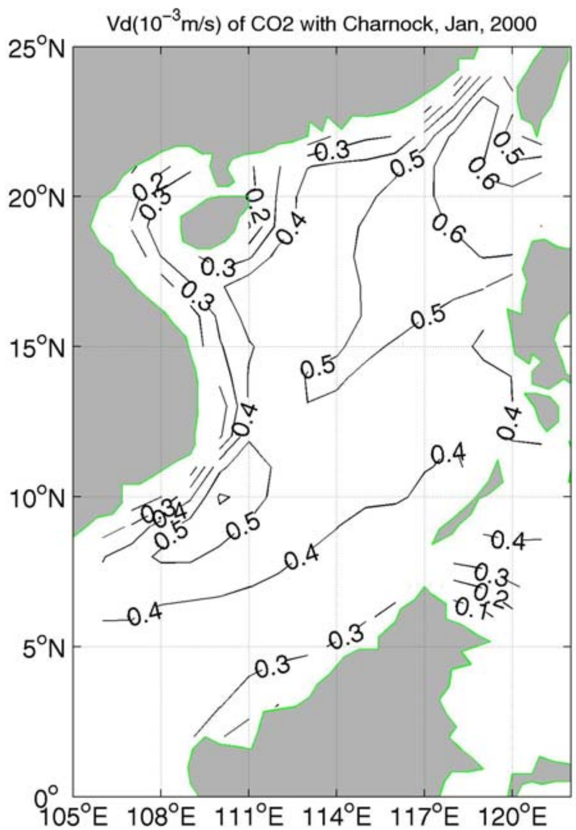


July



Total Deposit Velocity of CO_2 in January 2000

Without Wave Effect
(Charnock 1955)



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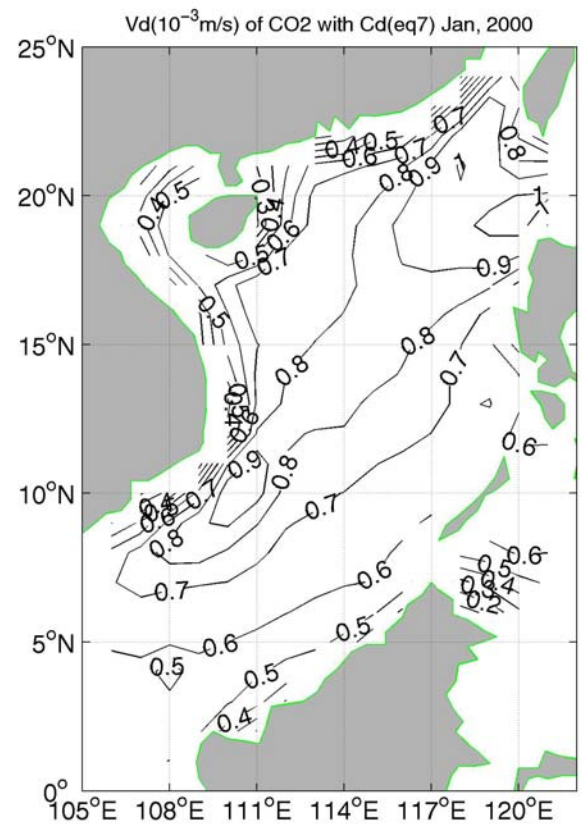

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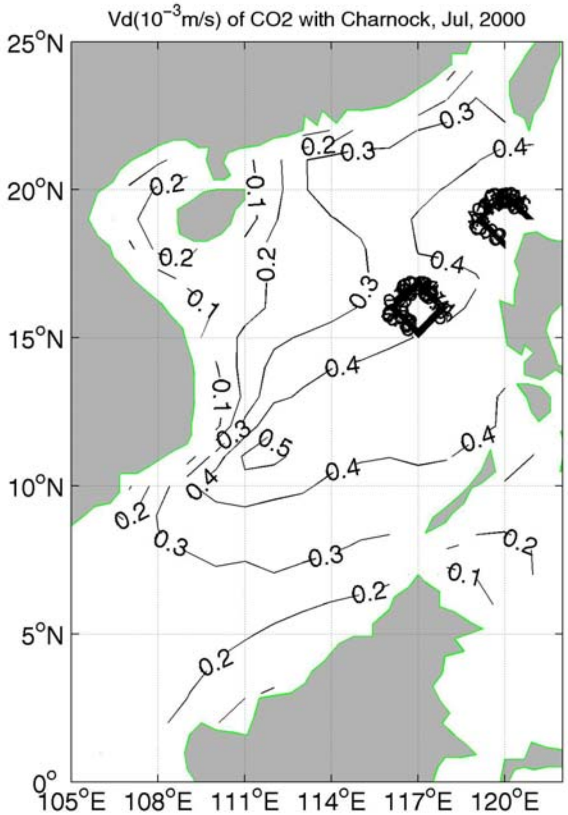

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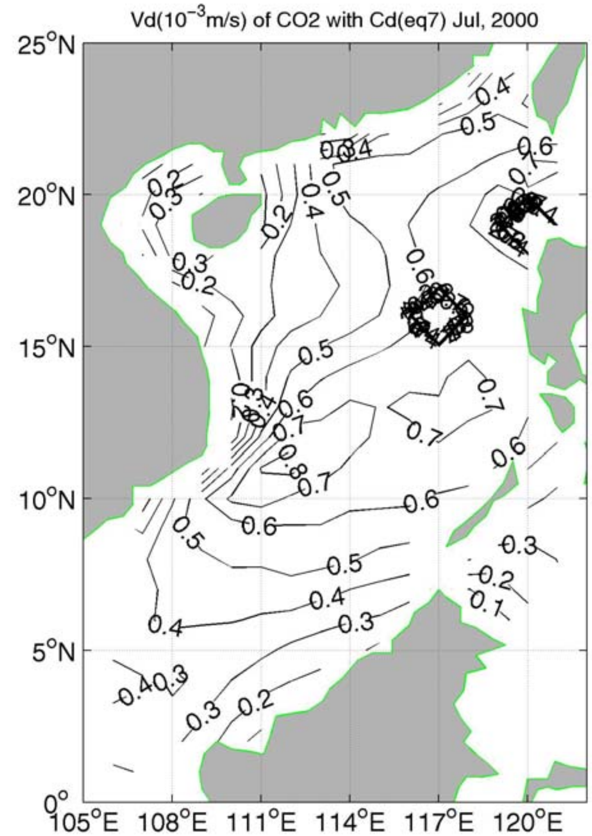

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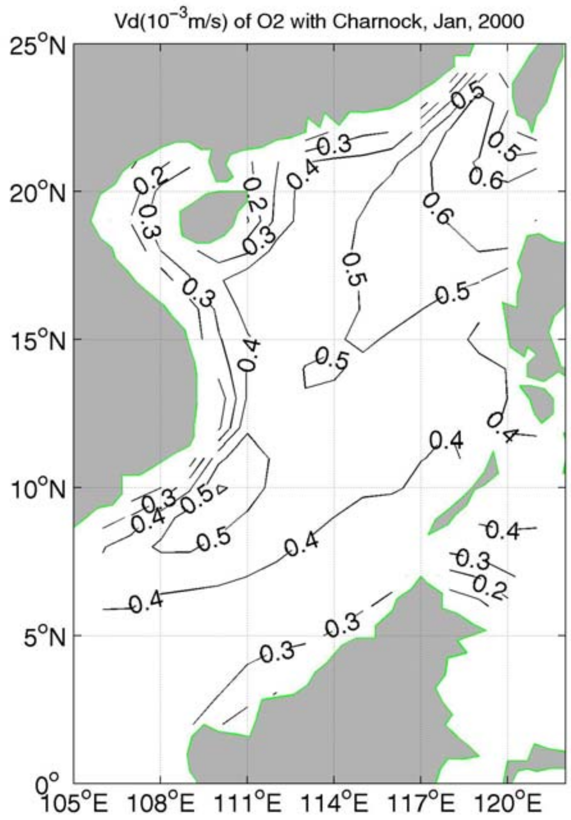

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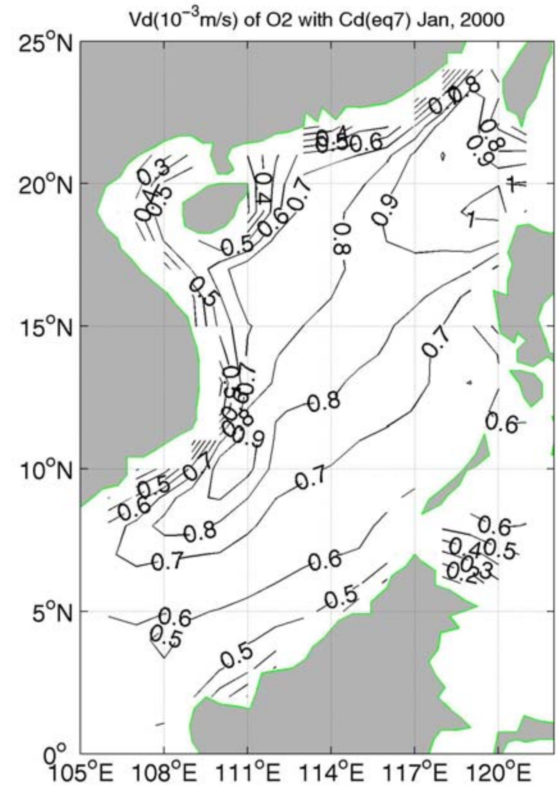

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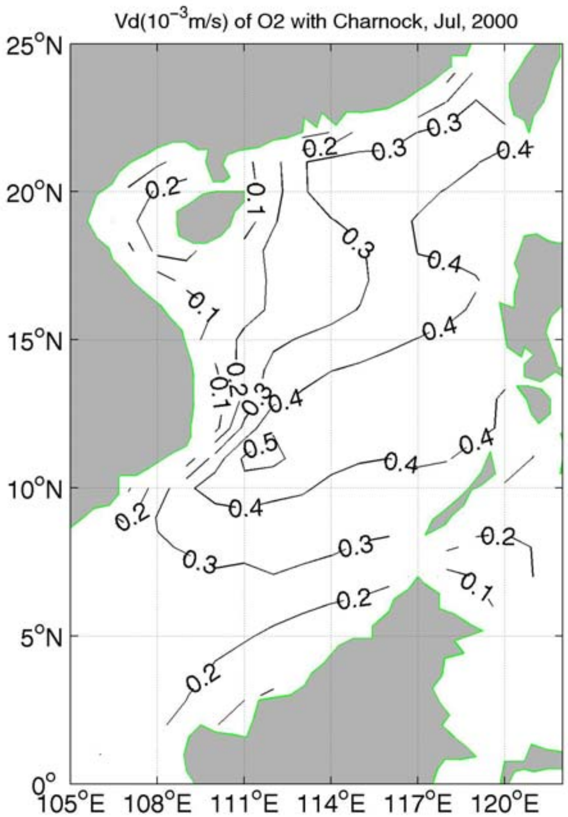

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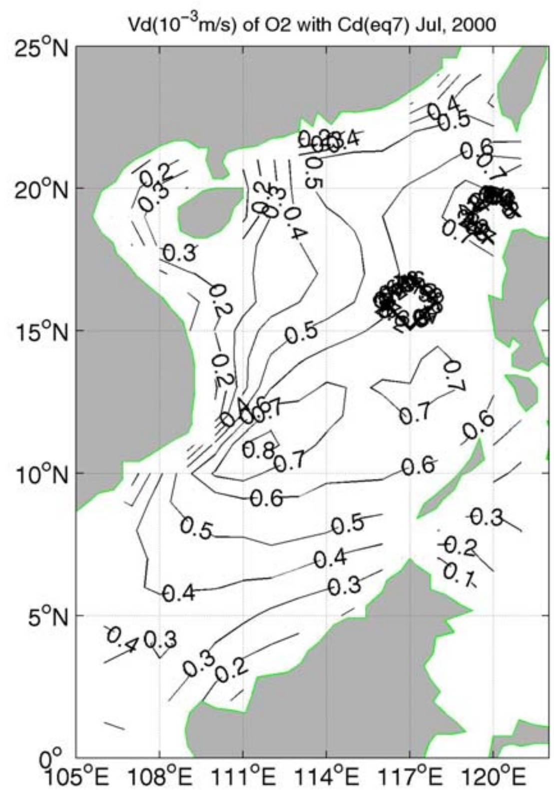
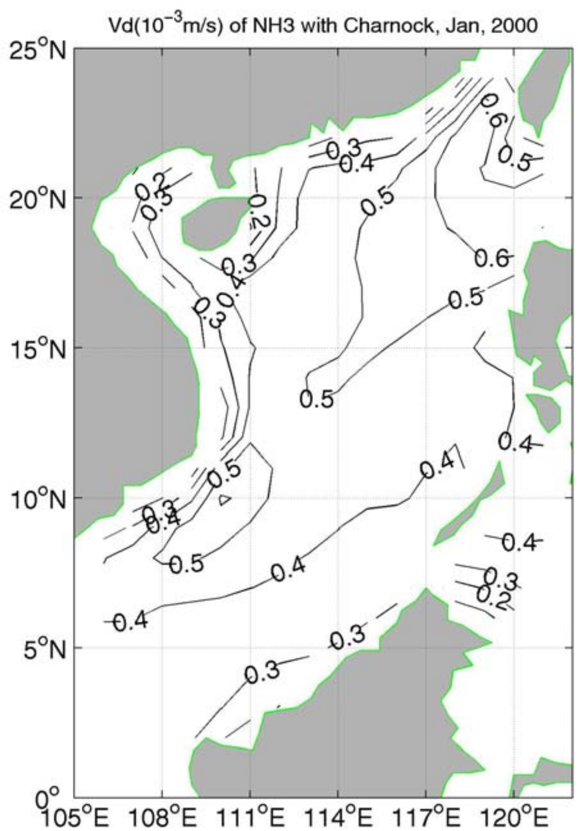


Total Deposit Velocity of NH_3 in January 2000

Without Wave Effect (Charnock 1955)



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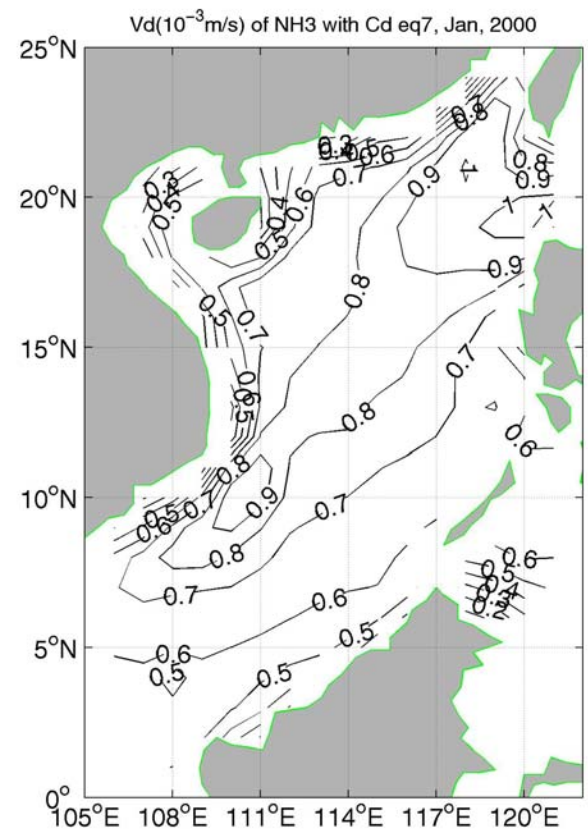

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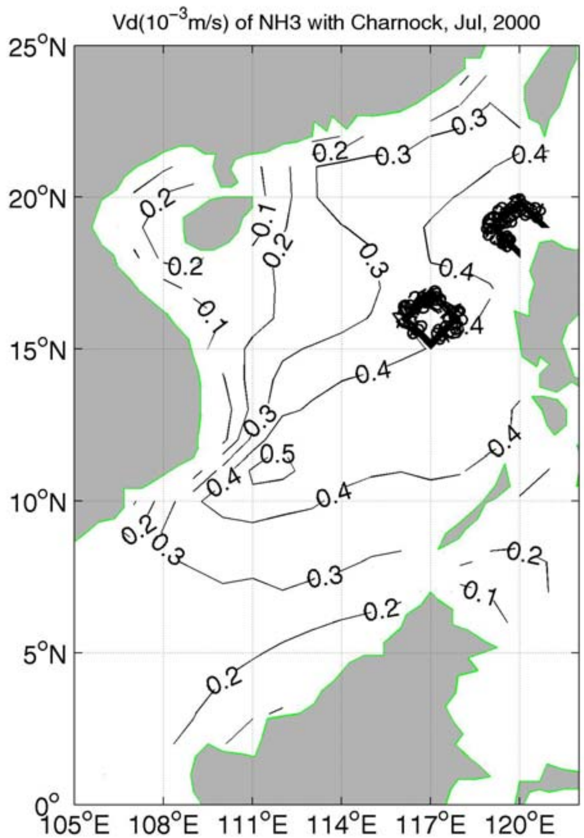

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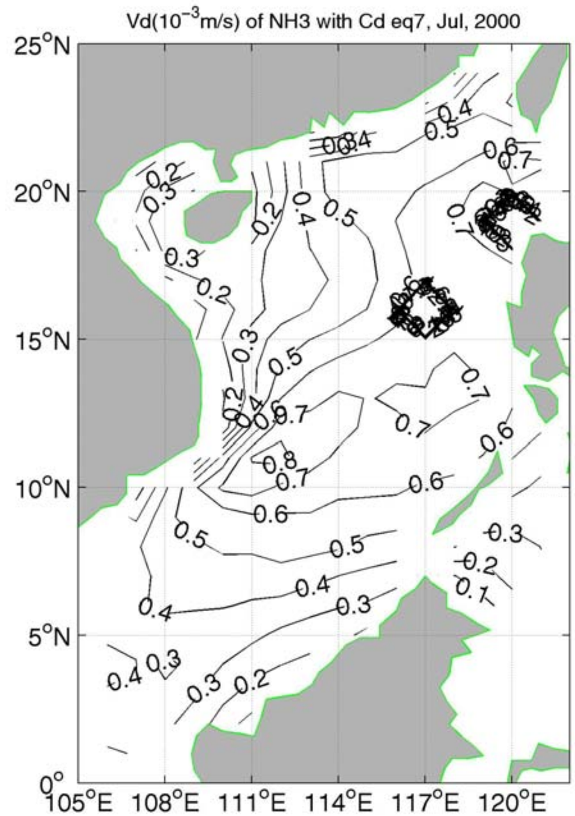

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Conclusions

- (1) Waves increase the gas deposit velocity V_d (up to twice)
- (2) It is important to include a wave model into gas transfer model.